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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

In response to the Office Action mailed May 21, 2002, Applicants elect the invention of Group I, claims 1 to 3, for prosecution in the application.

This Response is being filed within the statutory time period and therefore no extension fees are due. However, if extension fees are due, please apply the fees, or any other charges or credits to Deposit Account No. 03-3975.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite prosecution of this application, please contact the undersigned at (858) 509-4065.

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